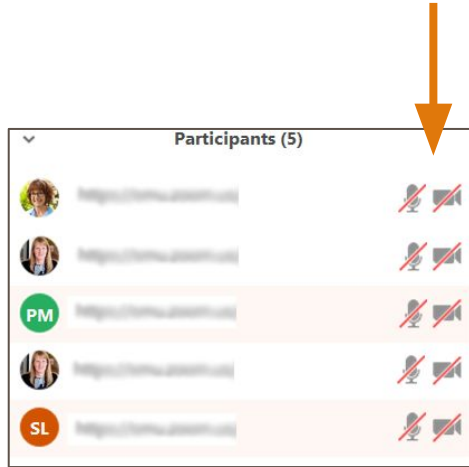


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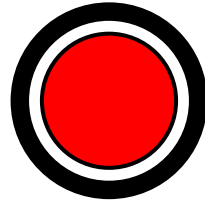
Open Session during the TS-EAS meeting at the SAA Annual Meeting 2024

Call-in numbers: <https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 853 1088 2806

All lines are muted



Use chat for questions



This webinar is being recorded and
will be available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/saastaff>



SOCIETY OF
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Archivists

Technical Subcommittee on
Encoded Archival Standards



This meeting is being recorded!

TS-EAS

Wednesday 14th of August

7.30 am PDT / 8.30 am MDT / 8.30 am CST / 9.30 am CDT /
10.30 am EDT / 2.30 pm UTC / 3.30pm BST / 4.30 pm CEST /
4.30 pm SAST / 4.30 pm CAT / 5.30 pm EEST / 8.00 pm IST /
10.30 pm CST / 0.30 pm AEST

Thank you!

TS-EAS membership



August is a month of change

- There will be members:
 - Leaving
 - Reappointed
 - Newly appointed
 - Liaisons changes



Thank you for your service!

Introduction to TS-EAS

Mary and Karin



Introduction to TS-EAS

- By-laws
(<https://www2.archivists.org/governance/handbook/section7/groups/Standards/TS-EAS>)
- Consists of up to 25 members
 - Both US-based and international members
- + two co-chairs (SAA and international)
- + early career member, liaisons and ex-officios



Introduction to TS-EAS con't

- Considers and implements requests from the community following the rolling revision cycle for minor revisions (annually) of the EAS standards
- Leads the major revision of EAS standards following SAA's and the Standards Committee recommendation for general review every 5 years



Introduction to TS-EAS con't

- Four committee-wide meetings per year
- Multiple subteams
 - <https://github.com/SAA-SDT/TS-EAS-subteam-notes/wiki/Sub-Teams-and-Charges#current-standing-sub-teams>
 - All teams to be introduced soon!



Introduction to TS-EAS con't

- Multiple communication formats
 - Official only for members TS-EAS listserv (archivists-tseas@connectedcommunity.org)
 - EAS listserv (<mailto:ead@listserv.loc.gov>)
 - Email to TS-EAS forwarded to the co-chairs (ts-eas@archivists.org)
 - Only for members Google Drive (for working documents)
 - GitHub for meeting minutes, schemas, and committee documentation (<https://github.com/SAA-SDT>)
 - Only for members Slack (new channel for TS-EAS, should subteams want to use Slack)
- Handbook (<https://github.com/SAA-SDT/TS-EAS-subteam-notes/wiki/Meeting-Policies-and-Procedures>)
- Our webpage (<https://www2.archivists.org/groups/technical-subcommittee-on-encoded-archival-standards-ts-eas>)

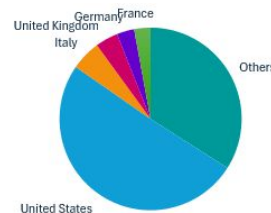
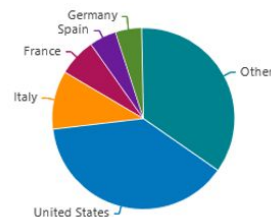


Links to web pages and email list

- EAC-CPF Official Home Page: <http://eac.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/>
- EAD Official Home Page: <http://www.loc.gov/ead/>
- EAS (EAD/EAC-CPF) Listserv (electronic discussion list)
<https://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=EAD>
- EAS (EAD/EAC-CPF) List Subscription Settings
<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=ead&A=1>

Web statistics

- EAC-CPF web statistics (<https://eac.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/>)
 - 3,011 visits and 6,361 page views
 - 367 downloads
 - Most used: <https://eac.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/schemata-and-tag-library/>
- EAD web statistics (<https://www.loc.gov/ead/>)
 - 26,032 visits and 50,893 page views
 - 1,353 downloads
 - Most used: <https://www.loc.gov/ead/>



Tack Gerhard and Glenn!



Email list statistics

- EAS mailing list
 - Current active membership (working email addresses) as of July 30, 2024: **1,235**
 - Member locations: **37** countries/regions (U.S., U.K., Canada, Germany, France, Australia, Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, and Italy most represented, in rough order)
 - Messages posted July 2023 through June 2024: **34** messages on **17** topics (approximately **41,990** emails sent)

Tack Glenn!

Meet our liaisons

Standards Committee

Lara Michels (current co-chair; TS-EAS liaison)

Jodi Allison-Bunnell (outgoing co-chair)

Dan Michelson (incoming co-chair)



Standards Committee

- Initiates and facilitates the development of archival standards
- The Standards Committee is a key bridge between standards creators and SAA Council (which approves any standard)
- TS-EAS is a technical subcommittee of SAA's Standards Committee (along with TS-DACS, TS-AFG, and TS-GRD)
- The Standards committee appoints a liaison to TS-EAS and TS-EAS leadership attends the monthly meeting of the Standards Committee



Standards Committee Activities and Priorities

- Making the process of creating and revising standards clearer and easier to navigate
- Putting forth specific expectations for community engagement and diversity
 - Transparency
 - Continuous communication
 - Taking diversity into account with all its facets
- Ensuring that standards are needed by the community and accessible to the entire membership regardless of institution type and resource level

Building a National Finding Aid Network

Final Report

August 2024

Waibel, G., Turner, A., Schiff, L., & Mitchell, C. (2024). Building a National Finding Aid Network: Final Report. *UC Office of the President: California Digital Library*. Retrieved from

<https://escholarship.org/uc/item/6xr6q38m>

Of interest to TS-EAS community:

- End user research (the widest ranging such study ever done with EAD finding aids)
- Outcomes of study of practitioners on their needs not just for a US NAFAN, but the standards to support their work

Janaya Kizzie
SAA EAS Section liaison



EAS Section

- New members:
 - Janaya Kizzie, Co-Chair, 2023-2025
 - Jacqueline Devereaux Asaro, Steering Committee Member, 2023-2025
 - Laurie Lee Moses, Steering Committee Member, 2023-2025
- Regrouping

Meet our teams

Teamleads

Marie: EAC-CPF



EAC-CPF subteam

- Encoded Archival Context - Corporate Bodies, Persons, Families
- Cares about
 - Schema (files)
 - Documentation
- Consists of 8 members
 - Both US-based and international members



EAC-CPF subteam

- Meets
 - Monthly
 - 1st Thursday, 11:00am/12:00pm UTC (i.e. 7:00am EDT/EST, 10:00pm AEST/11:00pm AEDT)
 - Virtually via Zoom



EAC-CPF and what's going on

- Maintenance, and looking ahead
 - Minor revision, v 2.0.1, released in January 2024
 - Preparing to review for alignment with EAD 4.0
 - Working with EAC-F and EAD teams toward a suite of standards that
 - Reflect contemporary archival concepts and models
 - Work together to represent relationships among agents, activities and resources
 - Can be maintained collectively
- Documentation
 - <https://github.com/SAA-SDT/TS-EAS-subteam-notes/tree/master/eaccpf-subteam>
 - <https://eac.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/>

Karin: EAC-F



EAC-F subteam

- Encoded Archival Context - Functions
- Cares about
 - Schema (files)
 - Documentation
- Consists of 5 members
 - Both US-based and international members



EAC-F subteam

- Meets
 - Irregularly so far
 - 1:00pm/2:00pm UTC (i.e. 9:00am EDT/EST, 3:00pm CEST/CET)
 - Virtually via Zoom



EAC-F and what's going on

- The basics
 - Encoded Archival Context - Functions (EAC-F) is the working name
 - Based upon ISDF
 - Inspiration from RiC (relations and name of relations mostly)
 - Review just opened
 - Work closely connected with the work in the EAC-CPF Team
- Notes
 - <https://github.com/SAA-SDT/TS-EAS-subteam-notes/tree/master/functions-subteam/meeting-minutes>



EAC-F review

- Published White Paper and examples of encoding
- Call for comments open until September 30, 2024



Why?

- The development of an XML standard to express archival functions is intended to expand the suite of encoded archival standards and provide a mechanism to standardize description of functions of corporate bodies.
- The proposed XML standard is based on ISDF and places great importance on the incorporation of established schemas like EAC-CPF and EAD, adherence to recognized ontologies and metadata models, and flexible options for defining functions in relation to other entities.
- These strategies ensure consistency, interoperability, and adaptability, to enhance the schema's usability and enable seamless integration with existing practices and systems.



Please respond to the Call for Comments!

Kerstin: EAD



EAD subteam

- Encoded Archival Description
- Cares about
 - Schema (files)
 - Documentation
- Consists of 14 members
 - Both US-based and international members



EAD subteam

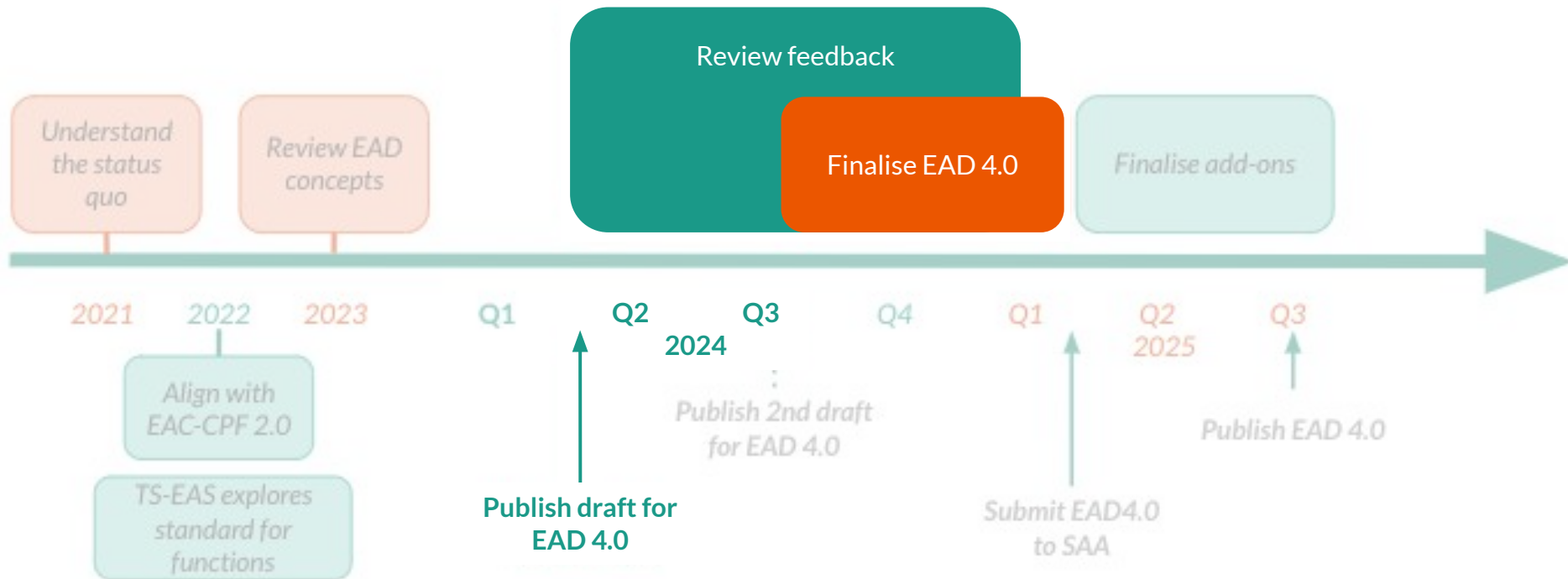
- Meets
 - Monthly
 - 4th Friday, usually 1.5 hours, 1:00pm UTC (i.e. 7:00am Central Standard Time, 8:00am EDT/ 9:00am EST, 2:00pm CET/3:00pm CEST, 9:00pm China Standard Time)
 - Virtually via Zoom



EAD and what's going on

- Major revision of EAD
 - Started in 2021 alongside the major revision of EAC-CPF and the development of EAC-F
 - Includes review and updates of the schema and schematron plus the Tag Library
 - Looks to extend the Best Practices Guide with additional and new examples
 - Preview sessions on the draft of EAD 4.0 in January and February 2024
 - First draft of EAD 4.0 schema published in April 2024 along with first draft of schematron and additional documentation
 - First draft of EAD 4.0 tag library published in July 2024 along with further documentation
 - Call for Comments open between 19 April 2024 until last Sunday (11 August 2024)
 - Four open drop-in sessions alongside Call for Comments
 - Four posts on the Descriptive Notes blog alongside Call for Comments

Overall timeline





Find all information

- On the TS-EAS page on the SAA website:
<https://www2.archivists.org/groups/technical-subcommittee-on-encoded-archival-standards-ts-eas/call-for-comments-revision-of-e-0>
- On the TS-EAS GitHub page:
https://github.com/SAA-SDT/TS-EAS-subteam-notes/tree/master/ead-subteam/major-revision_2021-2025_documents



Benefits of EAD 4.0

*Developed by and for cultural heritage
professionals around the world.*





1 Interoperable

Aligns EAD with EAC-CPF 2.0.

Enhances interoperability across standards.

Allows greater data reuse.



How this shows in EAD 4.0

- Alignment with EAC-CPF
 - camelCase spelling to enhance readability and recognizability of element names
 - Provided opportunity to generally revise element names, aligning with terminology of other related standards and resolving abbreviations and acronyms to support understanding
 - Shared elements and attributes defined in the same way across all EAS
- Examples include
 - The <control> element
 - Elements for encoding dates
 - Elements for encoding places and place names
 - Attributes for internal and external referencing

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Sustainable

Implements the latest archival concepts and models.

Improves linking between descriptive elements.

Supports richer relations between records and agents.





How this shows in EAD 4.0

- Related entities
 - While EAD 4.0 keeps in the overall familiar structure, elements representing related entities have received an elevated position and general overhaul
 - Could provide a starting point for the EAS becoming more modular in future revisions
- Examples include
 - The element <agent>
 - The element <formAvailable>, integrating the previous elements <dao>, <daoset>, <altformavail> and <originalsloc>
 - The element <function>
 - The element <place>



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Exchangeable

Focuses on EAD as a data encoding and exchange standard.

Enhances linked data support.

Supports relations comprehensively.



How this shows in EAD 4.0

- Relations and external references
 - The element <relations> has been integrated more directly into relevant element contexts
 - Nearly half of the elements in EAD 4.0 now allow for referencing external vocabularies
- Examples include
 - The elements <otherFindAid>, <publicationNote>, <relatedMaterial>, <separatedMaterial>, all enable <relations> as a direct child element
 - Elements <archDesc> and <c> allow references to external vocabularies, thereby providing a dedicated encoding of persistent identifiers for records, record sets, and record parts

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Extensible

Streamlines specific elements into reusable ones.

Enables reuse of external formatting schemas.

Limits mixed content to three built-in elements.





How this shows in EAD 4.0

- Re-using elements of the same scope and intent in different contexts
- Streamlining content models for elements
 - Four distinct content models: elements with context-specific child elements, elements that contain text, elements that allow narrative description, elements that allow mixed content
- Focussing on a limited mixed content model of the same three elements in all contexts
- Focussing on encoding information rather than encoding how that information is displayed by enabling the inclusion of XHTML for text formatting
- Allowing for the inclusion of attributes from other namespaces where required/suitable
- Examples include
 - The <findAidDesc> element re-using <title>, <agent>, <date> instead of specific elements
 - The mixed content elements <reference>, <referringString>, and
 - The element <formattingExtension>



Available for you to (re-)watch or (re-)read

On SAA's YouTube channel

- [1st drop-in session](#), 24 April 2024
- [2nd drop-in session](#), 22 May 2024
- [3rd drop-in session](#), 18 June 2024
- [4th drop-in session](#), 9 July 2024, part of pre-conference sessions

“Shape the Future of EAD” on Descriptive Notes

- [Part I](#)
- [Part II](#)
- [Part III](#)
- [Part IV](#)



EAD and what's next

- TS-EAS just had a two-day hybrid meeting reviewing and discussing feedback received during the Call for Comments
 - Issues will be updated accordingly with feedback to the colleagues providing comments
- EAD team will reconvene in September for its monthly meetings
 - Continuing the review of remaining issues as well as resolving pending questions
- Update draft of EAD 4.0
 - Schema as well as accompanying documentation
 - Probably including a draft standardised transformation towards EAD 4.0 and additions to the EAS Best Practices Guide
 - 2nd Call for Comments to come (timeline will depend on other related strands of work)

If you are in Chicago for the Annual Meeting and want to learn more, please join TS-EAS for a **Bring Your Own Breakfast** session on **Friday, 16 August, 8:00am**



You can still contribute

- Check out the issues on GitHub
 - Everything that's currently being worked on in terms of the EAD revision has been bundled in a [project overview](#) (schema plus Tag Library aspects)
 - You can view this and each single issue even if you don't have a GitHub account
- If you have **additional input and/or examples** to support any of the suggestions registered already, you can:
 - Comment directly on [GitHub](#)
 - Submit a comment via our [web form](#)
 - Send us your comment via [email](#)

Look out for the **2nd Call for Comments** to provide feedback on EAD 4.0 draft 0.2

Mark: Schema



Schema subteam

- Cares about
 - Schemas
 - Addressing requests from allied subgroups, i.e. EAD and EAC-CPF teams
 - Responding to schema-related bug reports
 - Creating new schemas as required
 - Documentation
 - Creating, maintaining, and updating Tag Libraries and Best Practices Guide
 - Maintaining and revising any (technical) documentation created during the course of its work (e.g., guidelines on design patterns used in the schema-authoring process)
- Consists of 8 members
 - Both US-based and international members



Schema subteam

- Meets
 - Monthly
 - 1st Friday, 1:00/2:00 pm UTC (i.e. 9:00 EDT/EST, 3:00 pm CEST/CET)
 - Virtually via Zoom



Schema team and what's going on

- EAD 4.0 Draft Tag Library (now a PDF that adheres to PDF/UA guidelines)
- EAD to EAD 4.0 transformation process
- EAS Best Practices Website: <https://saa-sdt.github.io/EAS-Best-Practices>

Cory: Outreach and Communications



Outreach subteam

- Cares about
 - Promoting broader awareness of TS-EAS' activities and its work plans, across a range of key stakeholders and audiences
 - Liaising with the EAS Section and Collection Management Section leadership on communications, education, and outreach plans
 - <https://bit.ly/ts-eas-oc>
- Consists of four members
 - Appointed members represent both US-based and international community
 - Also includes two liaisons from SAA sections



Outreach subteam

- Meets
 - Monthly
 - 3rd Tuesday of every month, 3:00pm/4:00pm UTC (i.e. 11:00am EST/EDT, 5:00pm CE(S)T)
 - Virtually via Zoom

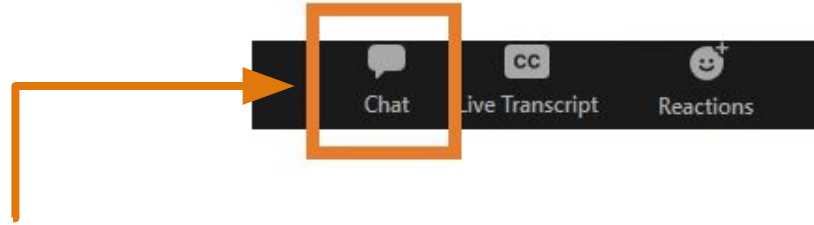


Outreach team and what's going on

- Supported EAD team in development and distribution of presentations
- Coordinated with SAA staff for online publication of materials

Questions?

All



Use **chat** for questions

**Thanks very much for your attention
and your questions / comments!**

**TS-EAS will be holding a Bring Your Own Breakfast (BYOB)
open, in-person session at the conference.**

**The session is currently scheduled for Friday, August 16th, from 8-9:30 AM CT
in Salon C of the conference hotel.**



TS-EAS and its 4 all members meetings

Next all TS-EAS meeting:

- October
- February (aim: time better for members in the timezones with more than +5 from GMT)
- May
- SAA Annual Meeting